

REMARKS

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

In the Office Action dated April 16, 2004, claims were objected to; claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21-30, 39-41, 44-46, and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Publication No. 2001/0040883 (Chang); claims 18-20 were rejected under § 103 over Chang in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0062274 (Hakansson); and claims 33-38 were rejected under § 103 over Chang.

To address the objections of the Office Action, previous claims 44-48 have been renumbered claims 42-46.

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 31, 32, and 45 (previous claim 47) would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 13, 14, 17, 32, and 45 have been amended into independent form to place the claims in condition for allowance. The scope of each of these claims remains *unchanged*. Claims 13, 14, 17, 32, and 45 are therefore in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is not anticipated by Chang, since Chang does not disclose receiving a request from the first mobile station for re-allocation of the channel portion, where the request contains a *coded version* of an identifier associated with the first mobile station. In Chang, an access request identifier (ARI) is used as a unique identifier during access and assignment procedures. Chang, ¶ [0189]. There is no indication in Chang that a coded version of this ARI is contained in the request from the first mobile station for re-allocation of the channel portion.

Independent claims 21, 33, and 46 are similarly allowable over Chang.

Independent claim 39 is allowable over Chang because Chang fails to disclose that the received request from the first mobile station overlaps traffic from the second mobile station.

Dependent claims, including newly added dependent claims 47-52, are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.


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In view of the foregoing, allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0070US).

Respectfully submitted,

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